

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for August 15, 2010

“The How of Reconciliation”
2 Corinthians 5:21

Theologically speaking, God is able to reconcile us to Himself through Christ by the means of imputation.

Theologically, “to impute” means to credit, reckon, or count something to one’s account.

How is God able, through imputation to reconcile sinners to Himself?

God is able through imputation to reconcile sinners to Himself by making Him who knew no sin to be sin on their behalf (2 Corinthians 5:21).

The only person ever born into this world without sin, and the only person who ever lived in this world without sin was Jesus.

Jesus was born into this world without sin because Jesus, unlike others, was virgin born and not linked to the sin of Adam as others were (Romans 5:12; cf. Matthew 1:18-20).

Jesus not only was born into this world without sin but He also lived His life in this world without sin (Matthew 3:17; John 8:29; 1 John 3:5).

When Paul said that God made Christ to be sin, Paul did not mean that God made Christ a sinner (cf. 1 Peter 1:19).

When Paul said that God made Christ to be sin on our behalf, he meant that God treated Christ as a sinner by having imputed every sin of every person who would ever believe in Christ to Christ (Isaiah 53:4-6).

God is not only able through imputation to reconcile sinners to Himself by making Him who knew no sin to be sin on their behalf, but God is also able through imputation to make sinners the righteousness of God in Him.

Just because a sinner might have become the righteousness of God in Christ does not mean that the sinner has become a righteous man.

Having become the righteousness of God in Christ simply means that as God sees us joined to Christ and to His righteousness that He will treat us accordingly.

May we by the grace of God be continually longing and even yearning to worship God throughout our lives in light of all that He has done for us through Christ in reconciling us to Himself through Christ.

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